

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ATHENS 04324 051340Z

73

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 TRSE-00 OMB-01 SAJ-01 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /068 W

----- 070369

R 051307Z MAY 76

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4084

INFO USDOC WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ATHENS 4324

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BGEN PINS PFOR MILI GR

SUBJECT: CRETAN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER CARRIES BOYCOTT LIST OF U.S. FIRMS

1. RECENT ISSUES OF "ALITHIA", LEFTIST WEEKLY PUBLISHED IN HERAKLION, CARRY LIST OF 32 ALLEGED AMERICAN FIRMS IN GREECE UNDER HEADLINE "AMERICAN PRODUCTS WHICH NOBODY MUST BUY." LEAD PARAGRAPH INDICATES THAT BOYCOTT IS "PEACEFUL PROTEST AGAINST UNACCEPTABLE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN BASES IN CRETE."

2. LIST INCLUDES TWENTY MANUFACTUREES OF CONSUMER, OFFICE, AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS RANGING FROM COCO COLA, PEPSI, MARLBORO, AND KENT, TO GENRAL MOTORS, ITT, AND RANK XEROX. SEVERAL NON-AMERICAN FIRMS ARE ALSO ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED. A SEPARATE LIST OF TWELVE SERVICE COMPANIES INCLUDES AIRLINES, BANKS, AND TRAVEL AND INSURANCE OFFICES. FOOTNOTE AT CONCLUSION OF TEXT INDICATES THAT BOYCOTT LIST WILL BE FURTHER EXPANDED IN SUBSEQUENT ISSUES.

3. COMMENT: "ALITHIA" IS LOW-CIRCULATION LEFTIST WEEKLY, ESTABLISHED IN 1975, WHICH HAS TAKEN CONSISTENTLY ANTI-U.S. LINE. PUBLISHER MANO HARRIS IS WELL KNOWN FOR OUTSPOKEN ATTACKS ON U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN CRETE. "ALITHIA" LIST, WHILE INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE, IS FIRST ORGANIZED ATTEMPT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE TO BOYCOTT U.S. PRODUCTS. EMBASSY PLANS TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ATHENS 04324 051340Z

SUCH DISCRIMINATORY ACTION TO APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND

ECONOMIC OFFICIALS, BUT BELIEVES THAT ANY EFFORT TO RAISE ISSUE IN
CRETE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND WOULD ADD FUEL TO BOYCOTT
CAMPAIGN.
STEARNS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, ALLEGATIONS, BOYCOTTS, BUSINESS FIRMS, DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS, MILITARY BASES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 MAY 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976ATHENS04324
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760174-0093
From: ATHENS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760590/aaaaczch.tel
Line Count: 65
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 APR 2004 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <29 APR 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CRETAN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER CARRIES BOYCOTT LIST OF U.S. FIRMS
TAGS: BGEN, PINS, PFOR, MILI, GR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006